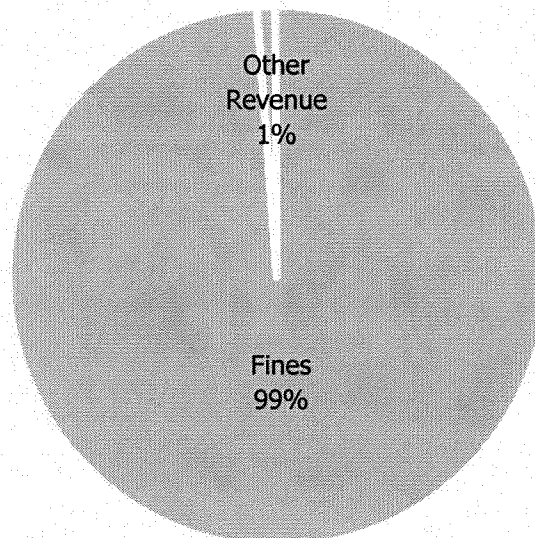
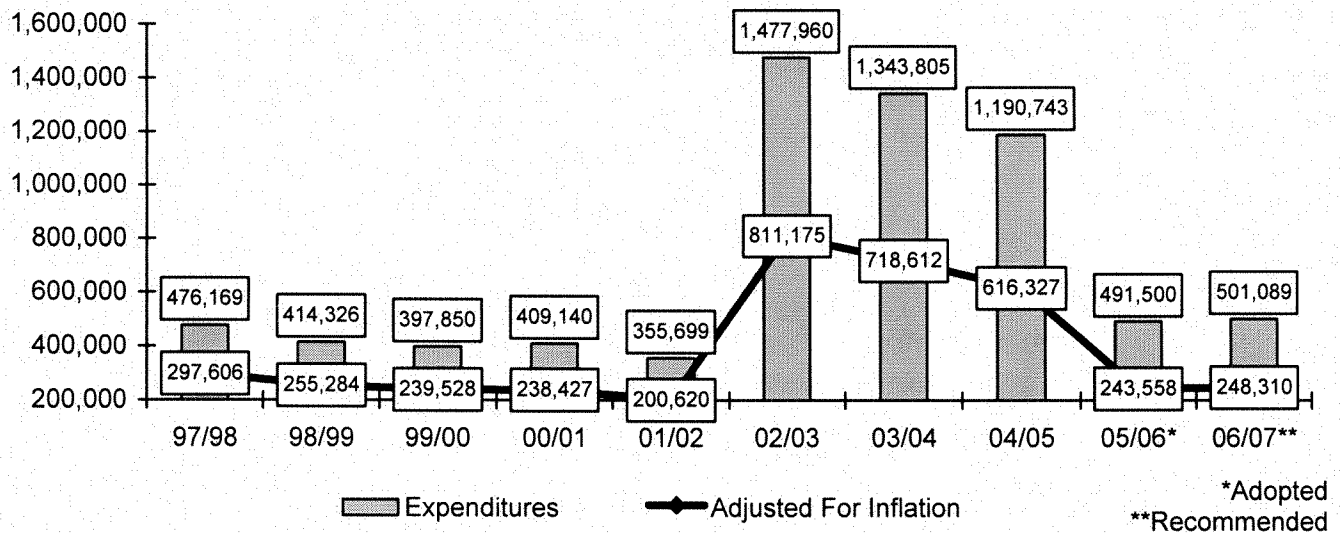


MISSION STATEMENT

To pay medical providers for uncompensated emergency room care and pay the Emergency Medical Services Agency for regulation of the pre-hospital emergency medical care system.

| <u>Financial Summary</u> | <u>2005-06 Budget</u> | <u>2005-06 Projected</u> | <u>2006-07 Requested</u> | <u>2006-07 Recommended</u> | <u>Change from 2005-06</u> |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Revenues | \$ 491,500 | \$ 491,372 | \$ 501,089 | \$ 501,089 | \$ 9,589 |
| Fund Balance Available | \$ 23,288 | \$ 23,288 | \$ 0 | \$ 0 | \$ (23,288) |
| Cancelled Reserves | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total Financing Sources | \$ 514,788 | \$ 514,660 | \$ 501,089 | \$ 501,089 | \$ (13,699) |
| Salary and Benefits | \$ 0 | \$ 0 | \$ 0 | \$ 0 | \$ 0 |
| Services and Supplies | 206,430 | 213,797 | 210,458 | 210,458 | 4,028 |
| Other Charges | 285,070 | 300,863 | 290,631 | 290,631 | 5,561 |
| Fixed Assets | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Gross Expenditures | \$ 491,500 | \$ 514,660 | \$ 501,089 | \$ 501,089 | \$ 9,589 |
| Contingencies | 23,288 | 0 | 0 | 0 | (23,288) |
| New Reserves | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total Financing Requirements | \$ 514,788 | \$ 514,660 | \$ 501,089 | \$ 501,089 | \$ (13,699) |

Source of Funds

10 Year Expenditures Adjusted For Inflation**SERVICE PROGRAMS****Emergency Medical Services Fund**

Payments to physicians, designated hospitals, and other providers of emergency medical care for uncompensated emergency room care and the Emergency Medical Services Agency for regulation of the pre-hospital emergency medical care system. Physician payment portion provided through contract with Society Group Foundation.

Total Expenditures: \$501,089 Total Staffing (FTE): 0*

*Staffing reflected in Budget Unit 350 - County Medical Services Program

DEPARTMENT COMMENTS

Emergency services are a vital component of access to health care. All population groups, regardless of economic resources, want to know that emergency services will be available and will function quickly and effectively when needed. In answer to this social expectation, the Emergency Medical Treatment and Active Labor Act (EMTALA) of 1986 was enacted. This federal legislation stipulates that anyone seeking medical care at a hospital emergency room must receive a medical examination and appropriate stabilizing measures.

In order to address the uncompensated emergency medical care for the physicians and hospitals, the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Fund, Cost Center 351, was established in 1988, pursuant to Senate Bills 12 and 612. This legislation allowed the Board of Supervisors to authorize the collection of court fines from criminal offenses and approve policies for the administration and expenditures of the EMS Fund. The EMS Fund is legislated to be held as a separate fund and revenues are not to be commingled with other similar types of funds. The Fund partially compensates physicians, through a contract with the Society Group, which is a foundation of the County Medical Society, for uncompensated emergency medical care. The Fund also provides funding to hospitals and the EMS Agency, which administers the County's pre-hospital emergency medical care system.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

This budget is recommended as proposed. Revenues and expenses for the services described above are recommended at approximately the same level as the current year. This fund does not receive any General Fund support.